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MIDDLE WEST DAMAGED BY STORM
MAYOR SIGNS PHONE ORDINANCE

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PERSHING'S MEN LAID LOW BY ILLNESS

Pneumonia and Dysentery Thin Ranks of Cavalrymen
—Several Sent to Base Hospital—Villa Menaces
Line of Communication—Supplies for Punitive Expedition Running Low.

El Paso, Tex., March 22.—American soldiers, unaccustomed to weather conditions south of the border, are dropping out from pneumonia and dysentery.

Seven soldiers who reached El Paso today for treatment in Fort Bliss military hospital told graphic stories of how sickness was thinning ranks of Pershing's column. Intense heat of semi-tropical desert country is claiming its victims by day, they

asserted, and extreme cold of Mexican nights has resulted in pneumonia epidemic of serious proportions. Insufficient water caused much suffering.

After months of camp fare along the border, many soldiers have found it impossible to march on meager ration allowed by quartermaster in last hurried hours before their departure. One week of marching on a diet of beans, bacon, coffee and bread has